

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2022

HOMEcoming October 30, 2022



Our guest speaker this year was District Superintendent Ann Robbins who delivered a wonderful sermon along with video clips of JFK and MLK from long ago.

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This week we will have a celebration of life for one of our dear saints, Byron Hale. It falls on an auspicious day in the church, All Saints Sunday. All Saint's is the day that we remember the saints of our church who have joined the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us to victory.

An interesting fact... the "holy-day" All Saints came to the calendar after a secular "holiday" was on the calendar. The church coopted the secular in order to raise awareness of the holy. Thus, the secular day became All Hallows Eve (Halloween) and the following Sunday is All Saints Day.

There's a lot of good church folks who balk at the idea of following the culture, but we have been doing this for a long time. Patrick of Ireland used the symbols of the pagans to explain Christianity to the people in Ireland. The cross (a common secular symbol) became the sign for Christ, and bread and wine symbolize flesh and blood. In fact, the only area we have really failed to make a point is Easter. Can anyone explain colored eggs and bunnies?

Our jobs are to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in whatever language works for those we are trying to reach even if that means drums and guitars. The message of the Gospel is static, unchanging. The language does change. But what is most important is that we continue to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

May Showers of Blessings like autumn leaves fall upon you!

Scott

THE INSIDER NEWS & HAPPENINGS

<u>Flower Donors for November</u>	<u>Lay Speaker for November</u>	<u>Events and Happenings for Nov.</u>
November 6— Nancy & Joe Harper	Jimmy Freels Will need fill-in for November 27th.	11/2 Fellowship Dinner @ 5:30 11/3 Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 11/6 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Byron Hale Funeral Family/Friends 1:00, Service 2:00
November 13 – Charles & Kay Price		11/7 Boy Scouts 6:00 11/9 Fellowship Dinner 5:30 11/13 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30
November 20—Jerry & Gwen Ferguson	<u>Lay Speaker—December</u> Various	11/13 Delta Kappa Gamma, 2:00 in Holy Grounds Cafe 11/16 Wed. Night Fellowship @5:30 11/17 Food Pantry @ 5:30-6:30 11/20 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30
November 27— V.L. & Pat Stonecipher		11/21 BSA Dinner 6:00 Fellowship Hall 11/23 NO Fellowship Dinner 11/23 Senior Center Singing –time tba 11/24 Thanksgiving Men's Breakfast
		11/27 Holy Grounds 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 11/30 Wed. Night Fellowship @5:30

REMEMBER TO PRAY

For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle to recover from the pandemic. Pray for our Service Men, Women, and their families at both home and abroad. Pray for your neighbors, Pray for our School teachers and all the staff required to keep schools open and learning going, and for our First Responders and our Police Officers who keep us protected every day. And lastly, pray for Ukraine, more than ever!

JUST PRAY

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and



Finance News

I know that Finance reports are pretty boring to most people. Please give the information below about Memorial UMC's year-to-date giving and expenses your attention because you need to know where we stand.

October Budget Giving: \$25,613.00

October Expenses: \$20,510.00

October Balance: \$5,103.00

Year-to-date Giving through October: \$177,254.00

Year-to-date Expenses through October: \$196,620.00

Year-to-date Balance through October: - **\$19,366.00**

Our church history is that during the summer months giving drops dramatically and this year it is no different. However, we really need to begin the upturn in giving that we traditionally experience. All of us love our church and want it to thrive spiritually and financially. You have responded so wonderfully to our special needs, and we thank you so much! I know that you will continue to respond to the budget needs. Please consider trying to catch up with your giving. If you are not able to be at church, try to mail in your tithe or give with the on-line options.

There are several ways you can send in your contributions/tithes: Mail: Memorial UMC 323 N. Main Street Clinton, TN 37716. On-line Check Pay: You can have your checks sent directly from your bank - the bill pay option offered at most banks. On-line: Visit our website: www.mumclinton.org. You will find alternate giving methods under the GIVE option on the top right side of the website. Questions? Contact the church: Church Phone: 865-457-2287 Email: info@mumclinton.org.

Thank you for your faithfulness.
Bebe Combs, Finance Chair



Birthdays for November 2022

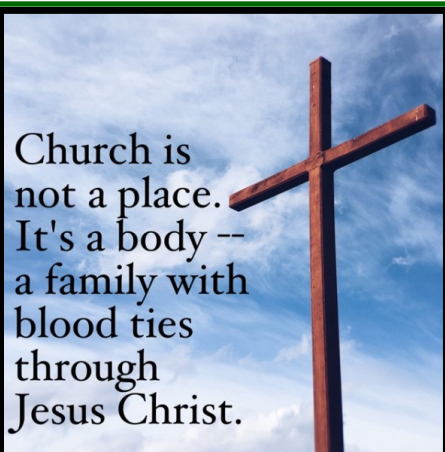
11/02 Donna Wilks, 11/05 Joe Harper, 11/09 Brian Ford, 11/10 James Howard,
11/11 Kay Price, Richard Flanders, 11/16 Glen Murrell, 11/17 Darcy Schrider, Kim
Prater, 11/18 Madison Kelly, 11/21 Matt Kirkpatrick, 11/26 Steve Jennings,
11/29 Andrew Meier



Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

Since we're not supposed to Hug any of these Birthday people due to "you know what," let's continue our Birthday Card or call campaign, especially for those homebound or in assisted living facilities. All of the addresses are in the Church Directory or check InstantChurchDirectory.com or or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).



DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS As of 10/30/2022

Away from Home:

Winki Watkins, The Grove, Apt. #149, 734 Emory Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Phone: 865-248-9976

Bill Connell, NHC of Oak Ridge, 300 Laboratory Rd., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830

Alice Connell has moved to Florida. Will update her address when available.

At Home:

Juanita Smith, 301 Cross Street, Clinton, TN. 37716

865-463-8336

Temporary Care:

Becky Williams is recuperating at Meadow View Senior Living, 111 Acuff Lane, Room 304.

Call her at 865-591-5304

"Food Pantry News"



Memorial United Methodist Church on Main Street in Clinton.

Memorial United Methodist's food pantry now in 14th year Church will offer flu shot clinic Nov. 3

The Food Pantry at Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Clinton began in 2008 when a few members of the church recognized a need in the community.

The church's congregation was eager to get behind the project and has donated generously to the community through these past 14 years.

The Food Pantry is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of every month, with the entrance at the back of the church on North Hicks Street.

A variety of non-perishable foods is offered on both Thursdays. Additionally, fresh foods such as bread, eggs, milk, and produce are available on the first Thursday, and cleaning and hygiene products are distributed on the third Thursday.

All that is required is a

name and phone number. Participants do not have to live in the city limits of Clinton.

In the 14 years since the Food Pantry began, not only have the needs of the Clinton community grown, but likewise the hearts of the church have as well.

Now, in addition to the twice-monthly food distribution, gently used clothing has been added.

And in early 2022, a church member built a blessing box, which is located at the rear of the church on North Hicks Street, where food and other items are kept stocked for anyone who needs a helping hand at any time.

Community members are free to take what they need or to leave something to share with others. It's wonderful to see how the blessing box

has been a help to our community.

As an added service, a flu-shot clinic will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 3, during the Food Pantry distribution from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Anyone in the community is welcome to receive a flu shot. Please bring your insurance, TN Care, or Medicare card.

Memorial United Methodist Church is a loving and helpful part of Clinton. The church is always looking for ways to share in the community, and is a welcoming church. Sunday worship includes coffee and donuts at 9 a.m., followed by children's, youth, and adult Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., and sanctuary worship at 10:30 a.m.

The church is led by Pastor Scott Wilks and worship leader Josh Allen.

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OCTOBER
2022.

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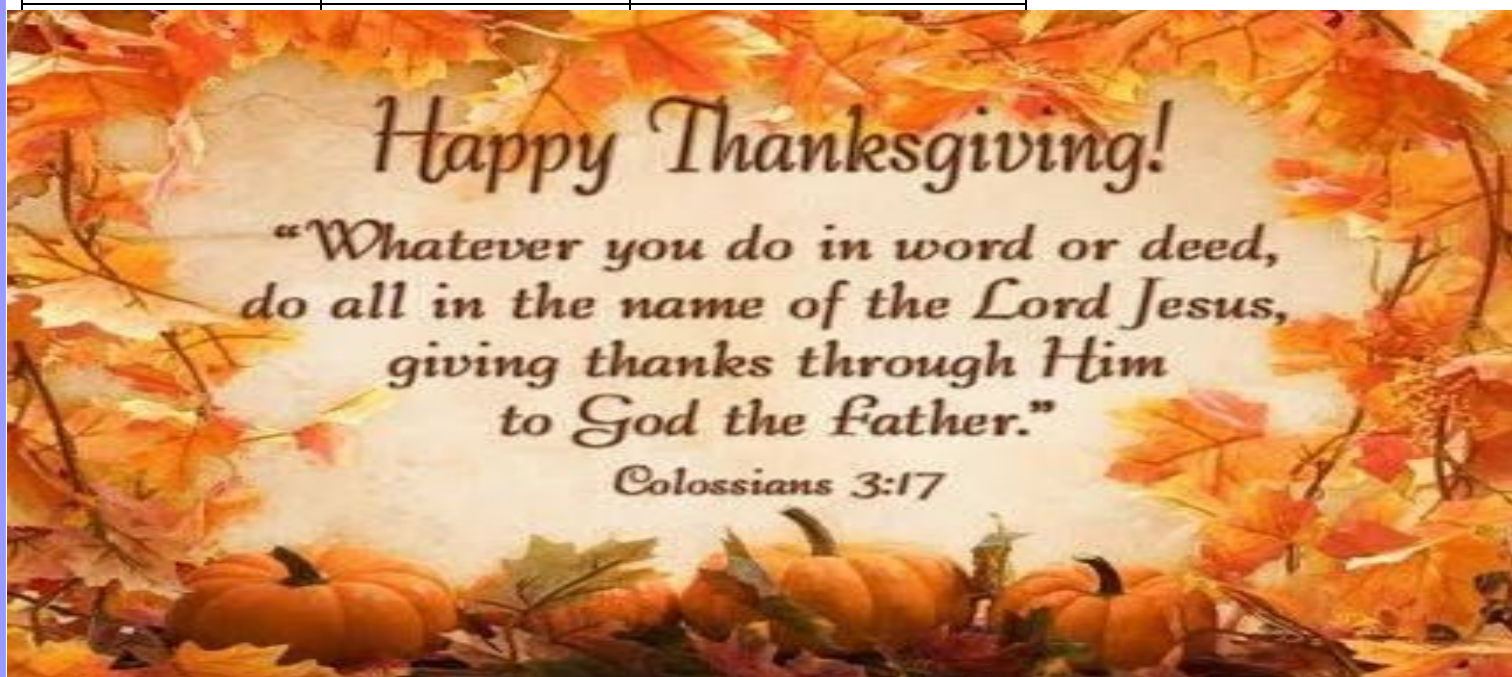
MEMORIALS ~ OCTOBER 2022

In Memory of:

Donor:

Designated Fund

Rosemary Weaver	Deane & Sutton Kay	Music Dept.
Rosemary Weaver	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Music Dept.
Rosemary Weaver	Judy Foster	Music Dept.
Byron Hale	Ouida & Bill Steinkamp	General Memorials



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